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OLD MAN JESTER FREE

**HE WAS ACQUITTED BY A JURY
AFTER A VERY LONG AND
TEDIOUS TRIAL.**

NOTED CASE IS NOW AT AN END.

**The Disappearance of Gilbert Gates
Thirty Years Ago Still Remains
a Mystery - Jester Was
Calmed When Verdict
Was Rendered.**

Special Dispatch to the Ledger.

New London, Mo., August 2.—Last night on the third ballot Alexander Jester was acquitted of the murder of Gilbert Gates.

Everyone here approves the verdict. **J. S. MINTYRE.**

THE JURY UNANIMOUS.

NEW LONDON, Mo., Aug. 1.—Alexander Jester is free. For thirty years a cloud has hung like a pall over him, but his heart's desire now is attained.

On the sixth ballot of the jury he was acquitted. The trial resulted, three times longer, nine for acquittal, the second, third and fourth ballots were the same. On the fifth ballot one of the three jurors who spoke of the majority and the sixth ballot resulted in the acquittal.

At 6:45 p. m. the Court House bell rang out on the night air and it was a signal for a grand rush to the old temple of justice.

For a few seconds all was still as death. Then the audience rose as one man and almost leaped into the air. A mighty shout went up that fairly shook the stone walls.

Asked about his plans, Jester said: "An amiable to the orders of my son William."

WAS AN ATTORNEY'S MAN.

The Republic correspondent interviewed some of the attorneys connected with this historic case. Their replies are characteristic. Here they are:

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POPULAR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT.

Also Electoral Vote for Bryan and McKinley in 1896 - The Vote by States.

Total electoral vote, 1896	371
McKinley	233
Bryan	138
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McKinley over Bryan	95
Popular vote	
McKinley over Bryan	5,909,248
McKinley over all	3,057,922
Total popular vote, 1896	13,910,208
States	
Alabama	54,737
Arkansas	37,413
California	249,891
Colorado	25,371
Connecticut	110,297
Delaware	20,492
Florida	11,350
Georgia	20,191
Idaho	9,234
Illinois	207,130
Indiana	205,119
Iowa	209,891
Kansas	158,441
Louisiana	23,021
Maine	20,421
Maryland	104,778
Massachusetts	279,976
Michigan	293,227
Minnesota	193,911
Mississippi	67,390
Missouri	396,499
Montana	15,490
Nebraska	101,064
Nevada	1,200
New Hampshire	55,444
New Jersey	231,907
New York	819,538
North Carolina	156,222
North Dakota	20,336
Ohio	527,945
Oregon	45,711
Pennsylvania	725,300
Rhode Island	37,337
South Carolina	9,313
South Dakota	40,502
Tennessee	145,778
Texas	184,989
Vermont	13,841
Virginia	55,911
Washington	30,105
West Virginia	104,414
Wisconsin	206,135
Wyoming	10,722
Total	7,107,980

IT IS A PITY SO FEW WOMEN

Are Entirely Free From Pelvic Catarrh.

Miss Anna Carsten, Clayton, Ill., says: "I believe I should have been freed by this time had I not used it. I am feeling as well now. I have taken away my medicine for four or five months. I can cheerfully recommend Peruna to my friends."

Miss Anna Carsten, 622 Scott street, Clayton, Ill., writes: "I was a sufferer from falling of the womb, weak ovaries, and leucorrhoea, which caused me to be confined to my bed for a long time, being too weak to leave my room for even, upon my feet. I was treated by the most reputable physicians in our city. They could do nothing for me. I am most happy to say that in three months after I began taking Peruna, I was well—entirely cured without any appliances or support of any kind."

G. A. Probst, New Portage, O., writes: "My wife has been sick for about five years. In the first place the doctor called it leucorrhoea, and treated it with a year, when it turned to ulceration of the womb; she was then treated for that for two years, when the doctor gave her up. She then tried your Peruna. It has taken three bottles and it did her more good than any other medicine. A vast multitude of women have

GROSVENOR'S FIGURES.

From Far-Off London They Reach an 'Astonishing' Nation.

From the Chicago Record.
Congressman Charles H. Grosvenor, of Ohio, the election prophet of the Republican party, furnished the Record correspondent to-night his first official forecast for 1900.

He gives McKinley and Roosevelt a "strong lead" of 275 electoral votes, including the votes of the states of Kansas, South Dakota and Washington, carried by Bryan in 1896. He puts in the doubtful column Kentucky, Nebraska, Utah and Wyoming, on at least half of whose votes he declares the Republicans have a mortgage.

Of the total of 123 votes conceded to Bryan and Stevenson, Mr. Grosvenor says there is a bare possibility that McKinley may carry North Carolina, and that he has more than a fighting chance of winning the 10 votes of Colorado, Idaho and Montana.

Here is the General Grosvenor calculates it:

Certainly Republican	9
California	9
Connecticut	6
Delaware	3
Illinois	24
Indiana	15
Iowa	13
Kansas	10
Maine	6
Massachusetts	10
Michigan	14
Minnesota	9
Mississippi	4
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	10
New York	36
North Dakota	3
Ohio	23
Oregon	4
Rhode Island	4
South Dakota	4
Vermont	4
Washington	6
West Virginia	6
Wisconsin	12
Total	275

CERTAINLY DEMOCRATIC.

Alabama	11
Arkansas	8
Florida	9
Georgia	10
Louisiana	8
Mississippi	4
Missouri	12
Nevada	3
North Carolina	11
South Carolina	9
Tennessee	13
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COMMENTING ON THIS GENERAL GROSVENOR.

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Lexington News Comments Mexico City Council.

From the Lexington (Mo.) News.
Following the discussion of the question of reduction of city salaries in Lexington, R. M. White, editor of the Mexico Ledger, took up the subject for his home town. As a result of the discussion at the last meeting of the City Council reductions in city salaries as shown in the following table were made:

Mayor	\$200	\$100
Attorney	100	50
Police Judge	100	50
Police Councilmen (8)	100	50
City Clerk	100	50
Night Police (2)	100	50
Totals	\$470	\$240

Total gain under new list, \$230. Mr. White has the following comments on the results:

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JESTER WILL REMAIN.

Says He Was Not Surprised, as He Is Innocent—Rode in the Same Carriage With A. A. Gates.

NEW LONDON, Mo., Aug. 2.—Alexander Jester has gone to his old home at Norman, Ok. At 9:30 this morning he left New London in high glee over his acquittal. He is most erect and less feeble than he was yesterday. He leaned over on his cane and looked scornfully at the jury as they passed out to make a verdict. To-day he swings his cane clear of the sidewalk and walks briskly without assistance.

When the train came in Allison said: "Here's your train, grandpa."

"I am ready. Let her go," was the rejoinder. He said he was not surprised at the verdict. In fact, he expected it. He was seen last night at the hotel at 12 o'clock lying on the bed kicking his heels up in the air as gleefully as a baby in a cradle.

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